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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JAMES PHILIP ANDREW)
Appln. No.: 09/161,770)
Filed: September 29, 1998)
For: A METHOD FOR DIGITAL)
DATA COMPRESSION)
Examiner: Duy M. Dang
Group Art Unit: 2621
March 31, 2004

The Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("the Notice") was mailed on March 1, 2004. The Notice stated that the claims in the Amendment filed on February 13, 2004 ("the Amendment") were misnumbered. In particular, the Notice stated that there were only 108 original claims.

Due to an oversight, the application was filed with claims numbered 1-16, 18-36, 38-80, and 91-120. Therefore, there were only 108 original claims, and not 120 original claims. The Notice requires the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of the Amendment to be re-submitted. In compliance with this requirement, submitted herewith is that entire section.

Applicant notes that the "Amendments to the claims" section, which begins at page 3, is exactly as it appeared in the Amendment (i.e., it includes the same underlining and strike-through), with the exception that the numbering of the claims has been

corrected, and the claim dependencies have been corrected correspondingly. No underlining and strike-through is shown for these corrections. The remarks begin at page 19.